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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1644

NICO CERLETTI

Examiner: D. Romeo

APPLICATION NO: 09/813,271

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FOR: NEW PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF BIOLOGICALLY  
ACTIVE PROTEIN

**MS: Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2004, having a period for response set to expire October 19, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the following amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof. Applicants also herein request a three month extension for this response as allowed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 3.